

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Samuel P. Langley, March 20, 1901

393 March 20, 1901. Mr. S. P. Langley, Smithsonian Institution. Dear Mr. Langley, —

Your note of March 19th received with enclosures, which I return. I am glad to know that the Smithsonian Institution has been invited to send a representative to the Jubilee of the Glasgow University, celebrating its four hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

It is very kind of you to think of me in this connection, but I should prefer not to go. The Smithsonian Institution, in my opinion, should be represented upon this occasion by its Secretary, and I hope sincerely that you may be able to attend.

I propose to leave for Europe on the Cunard Steamer "Umbrie" sailing May 25th. Won't you come too and be present at my lecture before the Royal Institution in London, June 7. This would indeed be a pleasure, and I shall bless the Glasgow University if it should prove the means of bringing you to England with me at that time.

Sincerely yours, Alexander Graham Bell